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CITATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS.

On 28 June, the Secretary of the Navy made the following citations and awarded the Navy Cross to enlisted men of the U. S. Navy for extraordinary heroism while serving on board the U.S.S. PANAY.

On the occasion of the bombing and loss of the Panay on 12 December 1937, the following men courageously operated machine gun batteries against the attacking planes, even though these guns could not bear forward, from which direction most of the attacks were made. They remained at their posts of duty until ammunition was expended, or until ordered to abandon ship. Many were painfully wounded, and yet assisted in carrying other more seriously wounded from the ship and six miles to a hospital.

ADAMS, Charles S.	RM 2c	1918 Allis St., Little Rock, Ark.
CHEATHAM, Walter	Cox.	1272 Walnut St., San Bernardino, Cal.
WISLER, Andy R.	RM 1c	715 E. Mill St., Liberty, Mo.
HENNESSY, John N.	G.M. 2c	111 Akron Ave., Westmont, N. J.
HULSEBUS, Edgar W.G.	Cox. (post- humously)	RFD #2, Canton, Mo.
MURPHY, James T., Jr.	RM 3c	361 Bucoto St., Lexington, Ky.
WILLIAMSON, Marcus V.	M.M. 2c	4137 Golgate St., Houston, Texas.
PETERSON, Reginald	RM 2c	1918 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Cal.
HEBARD, Robert R.	W.T. 2c	Friendship, Wisc.
KOZAK, Alek	M.M. 2c	160 Beaver St., Ansonia, Conn.

For assisting his severely wounded commanding officer from the bridge and, although badly wounded himself, manning a machine gun; for using great intelligence and initiative in a situation where all of the officers were wounded; and for refraining from medical aid until all others were cared for:

LANG, John H.	C.Q.M.	1062 Pacific St., Long Beach, Cal.
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For manning a machine gun and later voluntarily acting as engineer of a motor sampan in which boat he made all trips and exposed himself to additional attacks from planes; for devoting his care to the wounded for 30 hours without rest:

RIDER, Maurice D.	Cox.	Southampton, Mass.
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For voluntarily acting as coxswain of a motor sampan which made all trips with the wounded, exposed to many attacks from hostile planes under the most difficult and hazardous conditions:

COWDEN, Edward E.	Cox.	135 Richardson Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
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For displaying initiative and coolness under fire by throwing overboard all gasoline and preventing danger of explosion or serious fire while being bombed:

TRUAX, Homer W.	B.M. 1c	131 Alabama St., Vallejo, Cal.
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For the display of coolness under fire while assisting the captain of the S.S. MEI PING to get underway and go alongside a dock; for extinguishing fires caused by the bombs, and thereby temporarily saving the ship:

BONKOSKI, John A.	G.M. 3c	302 E. Elm St., Conshohocken, Pa.
DIRNHOFER, John A.	Sea. 1c	339 Yale Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

For courageously operating a machine gun battery against attacking planes; and for giving up his own life jacket to a civilian:

KERSKE, Carl H.	Cox.	2342 Shakespeare Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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For being of valuable assistance to the captain of the S.S. MEI PING; for showing great coolness under fire; for salvaging first aid equipment and rendering assistance to many wounded Americans and Chinese:

HODGE, John L.	F. 1c	Siluria, Ala.
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For exceptionally meritorious service in manning three machine guns at different times; for successfully lowering and manning boats while under heavy bombing and machine gun fire from attacking planes; for making all trips in the sampan while abandoning ship; and for voluntarily returning to the sinking Panay for supplies after she had been abandoned:

MAHIMANN, Ernest R.	C.B.M.	3405 29th St., Astoria, L.I., N.Y.
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For courageously operating a machine gun battery against attacking planes; and for voluntarily devoting himself to the care of the wounded for a period of 30 hours without rest:

MC BOWEN, Stanley W.	Sea. 1c	Rt. #5, Greenville, Ohio.
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For manning a sampan upon his own initiative and acting as both coxswain and engineer; for making all trips in this boat while abandoning ship, during which he was machine-gunned by attacking planes; for voluntarily returning to the Panay in the face of hostile plane attacks; for voluntarily boarding the abandoned and sinking ship to obtain supplies for the wounded:

WEIMERS, Gerald L.	M.M. 1c	1609 Monroe St., Bellingham, Wash.
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The above instances of outstanding performance of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

On 28 June, the Secretary of the Navy awarded the following commendations on the occasion of the bombing and loss of the U.S.S. PANAY and the S.S. MEI PING:

For rendering invaluable first aid to the wounded on board the S.S. MEI PING; for taking charge of eight Panay men during the bombing of the Mei Ping; and for assisting in bringing the dead and wounded to

the U.S.S. OAHU:

COLEMAN, Thomas A.

C.Ph.M.

1219 W. Westmoreland St.,
Phila., Pa.

For greatly assisting the survivors of the U.S.S. PANAY in getting assistance from the Chinese; for finding shelter for the wounded; and for getting information to the American Embassy:

ERH, Yuan Te.

M.Att.1c

No.9 East Tientsin, China

The above commendatory actions are being made a part of the official service record of those concerned.

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The Secretary of the Navy, on 23 July, commended Chief Gunner Hal W. Barnes, U.S.N., for his interest and ingenuity in designing a wire brush for the cleaning of coppered gun bores. Chief Gunner Barnes is attached to the Naval Torpedo Station at Keyport, Washington.

TRAINING COURSES.

The following Navy training courses are now available for distribution:

Instructions for Use in Preparation for the Rating of Quartermaster, third class.

Instructions for Use in Preparation for the Rating of Machinist's Mate, second class.

Instructions for Use of Naval Personnel engaged in the operation and care of Diesel Engines.

The courses "Aviation Machinist's Mate, first class" and "Chief Aviation Machinist's Mate", shown in the list of available courses in Bureau of Navigation Bulletin Number 262 of 25 June, 1938, should be deleted as the supply of these courses has been exhausted.

TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS.

Attention is invited to S&A Memo. No. 429 dated 1 June 1938. This memorandum contains extensive advance changes in the U. S. Navy Travel Instructions. The allowances and instructions for the travel of dependents on permanent change of station are radically altered. All officers, Chief petty officers, and petty officers first class are urged to familiarize themselves with the new instructions.

U.S.S. SWORDFISH.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Claude C. Bloch, wife of Admiral Claude C. Bloch, U.S.Navy, Commander-in-Chief, U.S.Fleet, as sponsor for the U.S.S. SWORDFISH (SS193) which is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, 8 November, 1938.

The U.S.S. SWORDFISH (SS193) was authorized by Act of Congress dated 27 March, 1934.

U.S.S. SQUALUS.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Thomas C. Hart, wife of Rear Admiral Thomas C. Hart, U.S. Navy, Chairman, General Board, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., as sponsor for the U.S.S. SQUALUS (SS192) which is scheduled to be launched at the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., 14 September, 1938.

The U.S.S. SQUALUS (SS192) was authorized by Act of Congress dated 27 March, 1934.

U.S.S. MUSTIN.

The Secretary of the Navy has designated Mrs. Lloyd M. Mustin, wife of Lieutenant Lloyd M. Mustin (jg) U.S.N., as sponsor for the U.S.S. MUSTIN (DD413) named in honor of her father-in-law, the late Captain Henry C. Mustin, U.S. Navy.

Mrs. Mustin is the daughter of the late Captain Proctor Morton, U.S. Navy, and Mrs. Grace Howard Morton of Annapolis, Md. She is also the granddaughter of the late Admiral Thomas Benton Howard and great-niece of Mrs. Abram Claude, wife of Captain Abram Claude, U.S. Navy, Retired.

The U.S.S. MUSTIN (DD413) is scheduled to be launched at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Newport News, Va., September 15, 1938.

This vessel was authorized by Act of Congress March 27, 1934 and is the first vessel on the Navy List so called.

DRUNKEN DRIVING.

A recent inquiry has been received regarding the attitude and the requirements of the Bureau of Navigation on the offenses of "Drunken driving", "Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor", "Endangering life through reckless driving", and similar offenses.

The only mandatory requirements of the Bureau of Navigation dealing specifically with this particular offense are those contained in Articles D-4002 (3) (p) and D-9110 (1) (d) Bureau of Navigation Manual, which state that the Bureau may direct the discharge as undesirable of men who have been convicted by civil authorities and that full and complete reports of such offenses be made to the Bureau.

Due to the varying degrees of seriousness of offenses coming under this heading, when considered with the previous records of the offenders, the Bureau does not prescribe a standard schedule of punishments. Present instructions require Bureau approval before men are discharged for undesirability because of conviction by civil authorities, or by sentence of courts-martial if discharge is to be effected immediately. Each case is carefully examined on its merits and the Commanding Officer's recommendation considered before a discharge is directed.

Recommendations from Commanding Officers are considered of great value in aiding the Bureau to make decision in each such case even though, in a few isolated instances, such recommendations are not approved. Specifically, the Bureau does not desire to restrict Commanding Officers in the administration of their commands.

The retention in the naval service of flagrant or repeated offenders guilty of these serious charges is not desirable. On the other hand, the discharge as undesirable of all men who have been convicted by civil authorities of these offenses is not justifiable.

HANDBOOK ON ELECTRIC WELDING.

The Bureau is forwarding copies of "Procedure Handbook on Electric Welding," by the Lincoln Electric Company, to vessels having electric welding sets on their allowance lists, in accordance with the following distribution:

BB's	3 each
CV's	3 "
CA's	2 "
CL's	2 "
AD's	3 each plus 16 for school in Rigel
AS's	3 each
AR's	3 "
ASR's	2 "
Langley	2 "
Bushnell	2 "
Naval Training Station, Norfolk for Group III Class A School	50

These handbooks are to be used in connection with the training of enlisted welders and are to be considered as part of the library of training publications.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

The Bureau has received advices on several occasions of the undesirable and, at times, pathetic effect of the volleys fired at military funerals upon the bereaved. It is desired that this aspect of the honors rendered at the interment be considered by Commanding Officers when acting upon requests for funeral escorts.

The following points are offered as a guide in this connection:

- (a) That the full import of the part of the firing squad be explained to the next-of-kin or those representing the next-of-kin.
- (b) That those in charge of or in command of the firing squad so place the squad that it is some distance from the grave. It is not necessary that the volleys be fired directly over the grave.

- (c) That the firing squad be omitted, as a matter of expedience, in the case of funerals when the omission is expressly requested by the next-of-kin or those representing the next-of-kin.

PUGET SOUND NAVAL ACADEMY.

The following addition should be made to the Bureau of Navigation pamphlet "Schools and Colleges Granting Concessions to Sons and Daughters of Officer and Enlisted Personnel, U. S. Navy, 1928:

Puget Sound Naval Academy, Bainbridge Island, Washington. This is a naval preparatory school for boys from 12 to 18 years of age, that is, boys of junior high school and high school ages. This school offers a 25% reduction in the regular rate of \$900 to sons of commissioned officers of the U. S. Navy.